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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

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Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (two sheets), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

This application has a co-pending continuation-in-part application (Serial No. 10/410,736, filed April 10, 2003, naming the same inventors). A final office action for the CIP application was mailed on July 9, 2007 indicating that some claims were allowable. A Request for Continued Examination was filed in the CIP application on August 31, 2007. In addition, Serial No. 11/252,160, filed October 17, 2005; Serial No. 11/006,935, filed December 8, 2004; and Serial No. 11/331,806, filed January 13, 2006, are continuation-in-part applications related to this application.

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Disclosure Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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